



**US\$5.54bn** Market cap      **87%** Free float      **US\$13.42mn** Avg. daily volume

Target price **171.0** -1.3% over current  
Current price **173.2** as at 11/7/2019

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Existing rating

Underweight

**Neutral**

Overweight

Performance



Earnings

Period End (SAR)	12/17A	12/18A	12/19E	12/20E
Revenue (mn)	6,942	7,362	8,081	8,834
Revenue growth	13.4%	6.0%	9.8%	9.3%
EBITDA (mn)	884	970	1,145	1,245
EBITDA growth	17.3%	9.7%	18.0%	8.8%
EPS	7.23	8.00	8.34	9.04
EPS growth	17.6%	10.6%	4.2%	8.4%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

# Jarir Marketing

## Robust top-line growth but lower margins impacted the bottom-line

Jarir's Q2 net income increased 4.0% y-o-y to SAR169mn, below our and consensus estimates of SAR 179mn and SAR 176mn respectively. The earnings miss was mainly due to higher than expected cost of goods sold and higher non-operating expenditure. Top-line continued to grow at a double digit growth rate of 12% y-o-y to SAR1,893mn, (marginally higher than our estimate: SAR1,870mn). The sales growth was mainly driven by increased store count (the company added two new stores in Q2) and higher electronics sales with support from E-commerce channel. Going forward, we believe that rise in online sales, stores expansion and structural shift to organised retail should increase the market share of the company. Moreover, Jarir is benefiting from its strategy of adjusting its product mix in accordance with changing customer preferences (towards more smart phones and computers). Further, we expect margins to improve in the future as the newly opened stores ramp-up their sales amid improvement in operational efficiency. Post Q2 financials, we revise our forward looking estimates, which resulted in our target price to SAR171 per share. We remain Neutral on Jarir.

**Q2 results:** Jarir's revenue grew 12% y-o-y to SAR1,893mn (in-line with q-o-q, marginally higher than our estimate: SAR1,870mn), driven by smart phones sales, and computers. Increased number of showrooms from 52 to 58 partly contributed to increased retail sales. Gross margin came in at 12.4% (Q2 2018: 12.5%, Q1 2019: 16.0%), lower than our estimate of 12.9%, the decrease was mainly due to the changing product mix, as the company is targeting lower margin products like electronics and smart phones. Operating profit increased 15.9% y-o-y to SAR191mn, lower than our estimate of SAR198mn, due to marginal increase in S&G expenses because of new stores openings (two stores was opened in 2Q19) and slight decrease in real estate investments income. Despite robust sales growth, net income increase was only 4.0% below our and consensus estimates of SAR 179mn and SAR 176mn respectively. The bottom line was pressured by higher than expected tax and interest expense, in addition to lower gross margins compared to last year.

Figure 1 Jarir: Summary of Q2 2019 results

(SAR mn)	Q2 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	% chg y-o-y	% chg q-o-q	ARC est
Revenue	1,693	1,887	1,893	11.8%	0.3%	1,870
Gross profit	213	302	234	10.1%	-22.6%	242
Gross profit margin	12.5%	16.0%	12.4%			12.9%
Operating profit	164	254	191	15.9%	-24.9%	198
Net profit	163	234	169	4.0%	-27.6%	179

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

**Catalysts and Risks:** Key catalysts include better than expected LFL growth and successful roll out of new stores that will drive operating leverage. Further, E-commerce platform is likely to spur growth in online sales. Downside risks include rising competition from pure play e-commerce companies (e.g. Souq.com, Noon.com) and lower than expected consumer spending.



**Valuation:** We continue to value Jarir on equal weights for DCF (3.3% terminal growth and 8.8% WACC), P/E based relative valuation (20.7x FY19 EPS) and DDM (SAR173.4), yielding the target price of SAR171 per share, implying 1.3% downside from current levels. The stock is currently trading at a P/E of 20.8x, based on our 2019 EPS estimate, higher than its 3-year average P/E of 16.0x. We remain Neutral on Jarir.



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